



## CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

## 25th Sunday Ordinary Time. 19 September 2021. Year B.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hien Vu  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Jude Johnson  
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### Nazareth Centre (St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8am and Sunday 10:30am

### St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Weekend Mass: Sunday 10 am

Reconciliation 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 10 am

### St Mary's, Kinglake

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763

Weekend Mass Sunday 8:30 am

### St Joseph's, Mernda

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

Reconciliation 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 10 am

We pray for those who have died recently: Monique Watt  
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Muscat, Angelo Natoli, Cecilia Johnson

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Charles Galea, Kathryn Rockwell, Shelle Farley, Joe Farley, Joe Farley junior, Josephine Caruso

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

#### **First Reading:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

#### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 53:3-6, 8

The Lord upholds my life.

#### **Second Reading:**

Letter of St James 3:16-4:3

#### **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

#### **Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

#### **Next Week: 26th Sunday Ord Time Yr B.**

1st: Book of Numbers 11:25-29

2nd: St James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### **Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter.**

Last week's gospel, in which Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' marked a turning point in the gospel of Mark. Having established in the minds of the disciples that he is indeed the Messiah, Jesus now begins to explore with them what that really means and also what it means to be a follower – a disciple – of the Messiah who must be put to death. Having finally come to some level of understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, the disciples have latched on to a very limited understanding of Jesus' Messiahship. They have assumed that being Messiah meant that Jesus was going to lead a triumphant victory over all the woes of the Jews – it was a common understanding and expectation of what the Messiah would do. With this in mind, the disciples begin to argue amongst themselves about who will hold positions of respect and power in the aftermath of Jesus' great triumph. Despite what Jesus had just said about being put to death and rising again, the disciples simply couldn't grasp what he was saying and fell back onto a familiar picture of the Messiah.

To really shake up the disciples and try to make them pay attention to what he was saying to them, Jesus put his arms around a small child and told the disciples they had to welcome little children in his name. Like so many gospel images there is more going on here than meets the eye. Children were regarded as complete nobodies in the culture of the time. They had no status and absolutely no authority. Jesus is saying to the disciples, don't argue about who will be the greatest; this child – this nobody – is greater than anyone who lords it over others. If you treat a nobody like this with respect, you treat me with respect.



**We are a Child Safe Parish.  
We hold the care, safety and well-being of children, young people and vulnerable adults as a central and fundamental responsibility of our community.**

**SUNDAY 10:30am Mass  
will be our LIVE STREAM MASS**

which can be accessed at the Home Page of the parish website.

[www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au)



**THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS:  
Tuesday– Friday 9am-4pm.**

During lockdown you can still contact the parish. Please call **9412 8493** and leave a voice message or email **merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au** and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.

**WEDNESDAY 9:15am MASS ON ZOOM. Meeting ID: 846 2845 2198 and Passcode: 003 104.**

**PLEASE JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY. Members of our Parish continue to gather on **Saturday at 3pm for an hour of praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary via zoom.****

**Meeting ID: 278 901 2630, Password: 374 347. Any questions?**

**Phone the Parish Office on 9412 8493 and a member of staff will return your call.**



During lockdown our places of worships are closed. Weekend and weekday Masses will not be celebrated. **Sunday 10:30 am Mass will continue to live-stream on Our Parish Website [www.christthelightparish.org.au](http://www.christthelightparish.org.au).**

Once Sunday Masses resume Trybooking Links will be available on the Parish Website.

**An Enquiry Evening for the 2021/2022 RCIA Journey was held Wednesday via zoom.**



The evening acknowledged those who have contacted our Parish seeking information on the RCIA process. If you know of others who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please invite them to phone me. I would welcome the opportunity to hear their questions. Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate, phone: 9412 8493.

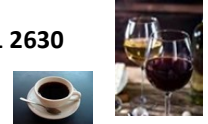
**SEPTEMBER TRIVIA NIGHTS.**

No prizes, just for fun, with a glass of wine or a cuppa.

**Every Friday in September at 7pm via ZOOM:**

**MEETING ID: 278 901 2630**

**PASSCODE: 374 347**



**THE END OF TERM 3 for St Joseph's Mernda, St Paul the Apostle Doreen, and St Mary's Whittlesea. Special thanks to Parents and Guardians (Carers) for all your support and flexibility during these weeks of remote learning. Special thanks also go to Teachers and School Staff for going out of their way in order to provide innovative and creative learning materials for home learning. Congratulations to all the students for being brilliant, resilient and thoughtful learners. We wish you all a safe, happy and healthy 2 weeks holiday. Food for thought: One of the world's greatest inventors, **Thomas Edison, was home schooled by his mother, Nancy Elliot Edison.****

**THE PLENARY COUNCIL. In just over two weeks, the long awaited Plenary Council of Australia will commence. Due to the ongoing pandemic, instead of meeting physically, the 278 Members will be meeting virtually from across Australia. Members are drawn from dioceses, eparchies, ordinariates, personal prelature, leaders of religious congregations and representatives of church ministries, seminary rectors and heads of theological institutions. In addition, there are additional people who will serve the Plenary Council in the key roles of *periti* (expert advisors), canonical experts, and those involved in the drafting and recording of proceedings. For a full list of Members and Key Council Roles, visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/members/>**

**DISCIPLESHIP: ENCOUNTERING JESUS. Discipleship is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ that leads a person to engage more deeply with the life of faith and embark on a lifelong journey as a member of the Church. Thus, discipleship invites us to **encounter** Jesus, and to respond to this initial encounter by following him. It's an invitation to say 'yes' to God, to say 'yes' to receiving his love and living a life with him. Jesus knows us personally; he calls us uniquely and has specific plans and a purpose for our lives. He looks on us with love, recognising the inherent goodness in us, and desires to heal us and free us from our brokenness. More details at <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/discipleship-encountering-jesus>**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - ENGLISH TEACHERS, YOUTH WORKERS & YOUTH MINISTERS.**

The volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centred around working with young people in educational settings. They are currently recruiting for volunteers in our Australian communities, however when it is possible and safe to do so, they will recommence sending volunteers to Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands. Applications close 30th October 2021. Contact Lauren Hichaaba via email: [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

**Lockdown Light—a weekly series. A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...**



Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations at [www.bit.ly/LockdownLight](http://www.bit.ly/LockdownLight)